

Appl. No. 10/826,059
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Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed is replacement and annotated sheet for Fig. 2 correcting a typographical error in the word "TRANSPORT." Please substitute the enclosed drawing for Fig. 2 on file.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 28 and 30 are rejected as anticipated over JP 2002-241474.

An anticipation rejection requires that the claimed invention be disclosed (or inherent) as a certainty. When a claimed invention is not identically disclosed but requires picking and choosing, then the reference does not anticipate.

The structure of the photo-induced acid generating agents (being the sulfonium salt cation initiators) of this invention as claimed is different from that of JP '474. That is, in Formula (1), $R_1 - R_3$ are defined in Claim 4, and in Formula (7), $R_1 - R_3$ are all each a methyl. However, in Formula (1) of JP '474, $R_1 - R_5$ are each defined as a hydrogen atom, a straight chain or branched alkyl group having 2 - 18 carbon atoms, 2-methoxyethyl group, 2-ethoxyethyl group, and so on. (Please refer to the translation of JP '474.) There is not a picking and choosing that meets the present invention. The R_3 of JP '474 cannot be a methyl group, and it means Formula (7) of this invention is completely different from the compounds of Formula (1) of JP '474.

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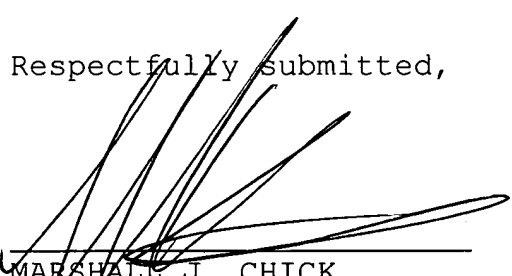
Further, in Formula (1) of this invention as claimed, $R_1 - R_3$ may each be an alkoxy group. The Examiner mentioned in the last phrase of page 4 that one or more $R_1 - R_5$ can be 2-methoxyethyl or 2-ethoxyethyl. However, it is submitted that an alkoxy group does not include a 2-methoxyethyl and a 2-ethoxyethyl group.

Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the rejections are avoided. Allowance of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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Attached: REPLACEMENT AND ANNOTATED PAGES FOR FIG. 2 (2 SHEETS)

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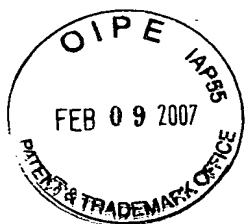


FIG. 2

